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1. AMB SAFRONCHUK CALLED AMB WHITE ON FEB 26 AND REFERRING TO REFTEL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SMIRNOV AND MISOFF STATES THAT AMB. MALIK AND HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTION THAT SMUN STAFF WERE NOT TO INCUR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS (HYDRANTS, CROSSWALKS AND BUS STOPS). HE ASSURED AMB. WHITE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN SMUN PARKING HABITS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE FUTURE MONTHLY LISTINGS. HE IMPLIED THAT THE MOST RECENT COMPUTER RUN ALREADY SHOWED IMPROVEMENT. (THIS IS HARDLY SO AS THE RECORD SHOWS 1584 TICKETS IN NOV., 916 IN DEC. AND 1326 IN JAN. THE FEB. LISTING, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN LATE MARCH, SHOULD, WE HOPE, REFLECT REAL IMPROVEMENT).

2. AMB. WHITE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ABOVE ASSURANCES AND SAID SHE HAD ALREADY ASKED THE APPROPRAITE AUTHORITIES TO BE MORE VIGILANT IN TICKETING NON-SMUN VEHICLES PARKED IN SMUN

SPACES. SHE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE ASSURANCE OF A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE METERED
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SPACE NEAR SMUN. SAFRINCHUK REITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION

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THAT THESE ARE NOT REAL VIOLATIONS.

3. SAFRONCHUK INDIRECTLY THREATENED RETALIATION IN MOSCOW. AMB. WHITE AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT THE ONLY SIMILARITY BETWEEN MOSCOW AND NEW YORK WAS THAT IN BOTH CITIES IT WAS NECESSARY FOR DLP GUESTS TO OBEY LOCAL PARKING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

4. THE LETTERS TO THE EIGHT SMUN OFFICERS WARNING THEM TO SHAPE UP OR LOSE DPL PLATES WERE MAILED FEB. 28.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE MILDLY ENCOURAGED AT THIS POINT, MAINLY BECAUSE THE ATTITUDE OF SMUN IS MORE REASONABLE AND THEY APPEAR TO BE TAKING THE PROBLEM MORE SERIOUSLY. THEIR GOOD FAITH WILL BE TESTED WHEN WE HAVE THE RESULTS FROM THE FEB. COMPUTER RUN. WE PLAN TO REQUEST THE TWO ADDIDITIONAL SPACES.
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